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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 1997 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 751 (1992) CONCERNING SOMALIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia, which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 2 January 1997 and is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(Signed) PARK Soo Gil
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 751 (1992)
concerning Somalia

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 1996.

2. The previous report of the Committee was submitted to the Security Council on 16 January 1996 (S/1996/17) and covered the activities of the Committee from its establishment in 1992 until 31 December 1995.

II. SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

3. At its 11th meeting, on 3 January 1996, the Committee elected its bureau for 1996, which consisted of Mr. Park Soo Gil (Republic of Korea) as Chairman, with the delegations of Egypt and Honduras providing the two Vice-Chairmen. The Committee held two meetings in 1996.

4. The Committee considered and took action on a case of suspected violation of the embargo against Somalia that concerned the purchase and shipment of a consignment of military hardware and ammunition to one of the factions involved in the conflict in Somalia. The Governments cited in the information provided to the Committee were requested to undertake the necessary investigations and report their findings to the Committee. Subsequently, replies received from these Governments refuted the allegations contained in the information provided to the Committee.

5. With a view to promoting efforts to curb the flow of arms to the warring factions in Somalia and in the light of the concerns expressed in that regard by members of the Security Council in the course of informal consultations, the Committee convened its 12th meeting on 11 September 1996. In accordance with a decision taken at that meeting, an appeal, in the form of a press release (United Nations press release SC/6268), was made to Governments, national and international organizations and individuals, calling for information on violations of the arms embargo, and a note verbale was sent to all States reminding them of their obligation and cooperation to ensure the strict implementation of the arms embargo against Somalia. In this connection, replies received from two States (Ecuador and France) did not contain reports of violations of the arms embargo against Somalia.